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1. CHINA

UPI (HK) REPORTS DIPLOMATIC DISPATCHES FROM PEKING THAT CHOU EN-LAI MAY HAVE TAKEN TURN FOR WORSE, CITING CHOU'S FAILURE -- REPORTEDLY ON DOCTORS' ORDERS -- TO MEET WITH VISITING EDWARD HEATH AS INDICATION HIS CONDITION MAY BE DETERIORATING (PHINQ). HEATH MET FOR ABOUT HOUR WITH MAO, REPORTING HE FOUND ECHAIRMAN "LUCID," BUT DEFINITELY "SHOWING HIS AGE" (CHITRIB). UPI (GLOBE) SUGGESTS ONE IMPORTANT INDICATOR SERIOUSNESS CHOU'S CONDITION WILL BE WHETHER HE RECEIVES NVN WORKERS PARTY DELEGATION, WHICH ARRIVED PEKING MONDAY.

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MONDAY NIGHT PRC ANNOUNCED RELEASE OF ALL 144 REMAINING AGENTS FROM ROC, CAPTURED IN RAIDING ASSAULTS AGAINST MAINLAND BETWEEN OCT 1962-SEPT 1965 (REUTER'S GRIFFITHS, WP; AP, NYDN; NYT'S FRANK CHING -- EXCERPTED IN SUN).

CHING CITES NCNA THAT RAIDERS HAD BEEN "EDUCATED AND REFORMED," MAY REMAIN IN PRC OR RETURN ROC; SAYS DECISION REGARDED IN HK AS PROPAGANDA MOVE, WITH PEKING AGAIN PUTTING GROC IN EMBARRASSING POSITION OF NEEDING DECIDE WHETHER TAKE BACK ITS OWN PEOPLE. GRIFFITHS ALSO LABELS PRC RELEASE OF NATIONALIST PRISONERS "ANOTHER PROPAGANDA GESTURE" TOWARD ROC. OBSERVES MONDAY PRC STATEMENT, LIKE THAT ACCOMPANYING RELEASE OF NATIONALIST "WAR CRIMINALS" IN MARCH, OMITTED DECLARATION OF INTENT TO LIBERATE TAIWAN, INVARIABLY USED IN ANY PEKING STATEMENT CONCERNING ISLAND. GRIFFITHS ADDS THAT TAIWAN ISSUE "SURE TO BE RAISED DURING NEXT MONTH'S VISIT" TO PRC BY HAK. NO INDICATION AFTER MONDAY RELEASE HOW MANY OTHER NATIONALIST PRISONERS STILL HELD IN PRC (9/22).

ELEVEN-MAN GROUP OF PRC'S MOST DISTINGUISHED ARCHITECTS WILL BE INSPECTING NYC'S ARCHITECTURAL LANDMARKS, NYT'S KREBS REPORTS. GROUP, HEADED BY HO KUANG-TSIEN, ACTING PRES CHINA ARCHITECTURAL SOCIETY, ARRIVED SUNDAY, LEAVING THURSDAY FOR BOSTON; HOST IS NY AIA CHAPTER. GROUP'S WALKING TOURS WILL INCLUDE SEAGRAM BLDG, ROCKEFELLER CENTER, ST. PAT'S, LOWER MANHATTAN GOVT COMPLEX, AND PEI HOUSING AT NYU; RECEPTION WEDNESDAY AT PEI'S SUTTON PLACE HOME.

2. JAPAN

EMPEROR HIROHITO'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO US GIVEN HEAVY PRESS, MAGAZINE, TV COVERAGE.

NBC-TV "TODAY" BROADCAST ED NEWMAN'S EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW, FILMED EARLIER AT PALACE. DON OLIVER (NBC, TOKYO) SAYS INTERVIEW RELAYED JAPAN VIA SATELLITE, REFLECTING DEEP INTEREST BY JAPANESE IN ALL ASPECTS OF VISIT. "TODAY" MONDAY DESCRIBED OPPOSITION TO VISIT BY RADICAL UNCLASSIFIED

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FACTIONS; SAID JAPAN RED ARMY CONDUCTED VIOLENT ACTS ONLY IN THIRD COUNTRIES UP TO NOW, BUT MIGHT ATTEMPT GUERRILLA OPERATION IN US DURING VISIT.

KRISHER, PN FIRST EXCLUSIVE PRINT INTERVIEW OF EMPEROR (NEWSWEEK 9/29), CITES HIROHITO SAYING ACTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONSTITUTION IN MAKING DECISION END WAR "ON NY OWN" AFTER CABINET FAILED AGREE, AND IN REFRAINING FROM TAKING ACTION WHEN CABINET EARLIER DECIDED ENTER WAR (CITED LAT 9621).

EMPEROR GAVE PRESS CONFERENCE FOR US NEWSMEN MONDAY IN TOKYO. SAAR (WP) SAYS HIROHITO CONTINUED "TIGHT-LIPPED TRADITION" OF NEVER FULLY DISCLOSING ROLE IN

WAR; DECLINED COMMENT ON BERGAMINI BOOK, "THE IMPERIAL CONSPIRACY". SEIDEN (SUN) QUOTES EMPEROR STATING BELIEF, "I ACTED ACCORDING WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION" IN RELATION WARTIME DECISIONS;

"NEEDLESS TO SAY, THE LAST WAR" WAS LOWEST POINT IN 50-YR REIGN. HALLORAN (NYT) CITES EMPEROR SAYING KNEW ABOUT PEARL HARBOR BEFOREHAND, BUT WAS POWERLESS TO PREVENT IT; DECLINED BLAME MILITARY FOR LEADING JAPAN INTO DEVASTATION.

HIROHITO SAID WAS NOT INVOLVED IN PLANNING PEARL HARBOR ATTACK (CSM). STATED FORTHCOMING VISIT TO US WILL BE "ONE OF HIGHEST POINTS" IN REIGN (UPI, NYDN; AP, PHINQ).

(PHINQ RUNS AP PHOTO OF HIROHITO IN UNIFORM 1940).

CHITRIB'S YATES SAYS "RARE BUT CLOSELY ORCHESTRATED" PRESS CONFERENCE PART OF "HUGE PUBLIC RELATIONS CAMPAIGN" TO BOLSTER EMPEROR'S IMAGE BEFORE US VISIT.

KYOTO U STUDENTS BARRICADED CAMPUS MONDAY TO PROTEST EMPEROR'S US VISIT; FORCED CANCELLATION OF SCHEDULED EXAMINATIONS (AP, WSTAR 9/22).

FARMER DONALD BALTZ ADMITS BEGINNING TO SUFFER BAD UNCLASSIFIED

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CASE OF STAGEFRIGHT AS DAY APPROACHES FOR HIM HOST VISIT BY HIROHITO 750-ACRE CORN, SOYBEAN FARM WEST OF JOLIET, ILL (AP, WP).

TOM BUCKLEY (NYT) DESCRIBES PREPARATIONS FOR IMPERIAL VISIT BEING MADE WITH "MUCH PRIDE AND PLEASURE" BY NORMALLY INCONSPICUOUS JAPANESE RESIDENTS NYC.

EMERSON CHAPIN (NYT) REVIEWS OPENING OF EXHIBIT AT ROCKEFELLER CTR INTL BLDG OF IMPERIAL HOUSEHOLD MATERIALS, INCLUDING TWO ORNATE, GOLD-EMBOSSSED THRONES USED MANY YEARS BY EMPEROR, EMPRESS.

FM MIYAZAWA TOLD PRESS AT UN TRUST HAS BEEN RESTORED BETWEEN US, JAPAN FOLLOWING EARLIER MISUNDERSTANDINGS; DECLARED ECONOMIES BOTH NATIONS HAVE SEEN WORST, ARE ON ROAD TO RECOVERY (NYT SPECIAL).'

CABINET SPOKESMAN SAID MONDAY PREPARATORY TALKS FOR FIVE-POWER ECONOMIC SUMMIT TO BE HELD NYC OCT 5-6 (REUTER, WP).

REISCHAUER NAMED TO RECEIVE 1975 JAPAN FDN PRIZE, FOR

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION" TO PROMOTION US-JAPAN CULTURAL INTERCHANGE; 5 MILLION YEN PRIZE AMOUNTS TO ABOUT 16,600 DOLS (NYT).

JAPANESE MISSION LEFT TOKYO FOR PEKING MONDAY, TO NEGOTIATE LONG-TERM CONTRACT TO IMPORT CHINESE OIL, ACCORDING MITI. PLAN PROPOSE 5-YR CONTRACT (UPI, JOC).

SONY EARNINGS DECLINE 28 PERCENT IN THIRD QUARTER ENDING JULY 31; FIRM LOOKS FOR SLIDE TO END THIS QUARTER. CONSOLIDATED SALES ROSE ONE PERCENT, TO 346 MILLION DOLS, BUT HIGHER COSTS COULD NOT BE OFFSET BY RAISING PRICES, DUE SLUGGISH DEMAND (WSJ, TOKYO).

JAPAN AUTO MAKERS ASSN MONDAY SAID AUG VEHICLE OUTPUT DOWN 15.4 PERCENT FROM JULY, BUT UP 20.6 PERCENT OVER AUG 1974 (UPI, JOC).

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UN UNIVERSITY CTR TAKING ROOT IN TOKYO -- AS THINK TANK TO ADDRESS WORLD PROBLEMS, STARTING WITH HUNGER, HUMAN AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, RESOURCES MANAGEMENT. DIRECTED BY DR. JAMES HESTER, FORMER PRES NYU, WHO ARRIVED JAPAN EARLY SEPT TO ORGANIZE STAFF OF 17 (AP, LAT 9/21).

ARCHEOLOGISTS BELIEVE THREE-QUARTER INCH PETRIFIED EGG FOUND IIZUKA WAS LAID 80 MILLION YEARS AGO BY ICHTHYORNIS, EXTINCT TOOTHED BIRD ABOUT SIZE OF PIGEON. FIRST FOUND IN JAPAN (AP, WSTAR 9/22).

SAAR (WP) DESCRIBES DIFFICULTIES FACED BY TOKYO POSTMAN, SHOSUKE KOSEKI, IN DELIVERING MAIL IN TOKYO "UNFATHOMABLE METROPOLITAN MAZE," WHERE STREETS HAVE NO NAMES, NEIGHBORHOODS HAVE NO STREETS.

ROBER DALLOS (LAT 9/21) RELATES HOW STOCK MARKET JITTERS KNOW NO BORDERS; INFLATION, RECESSION DEPRESS PRICES LONDON TO TOKYO (PICTURES OF TOKYO STOCK EXCHANGE, TRADING ON FLOOR).

CSM'S VICTOR SCHLICH TELLS HOW FAMED BULLET TRAIN EXTENDED TO FUKUOKA -- 672 MILE TRIP FROM TOKYO NOW TAKES ONLY 7 HOURS.

3. KOREA

ALL MEDIA HIGHLIGHT MID-EAST PROPOSALS BY SECSTATE IN UNGA SPEECH MONDAY, GIVE SECONDARY COVERAGE KOREA INITIATIVE. NYT CARRIES HALF-PAGE VERBATIM EXCERPTS.

SECSTATE PROPOSED US, PRC, NK, SK, PRC, CONFERENCE TO
FIND WAY PRESERVE PEACE IN PENINSULA WHILE DISBANDING

UNC; SAID US PREPARED EXPLORE OTHER MEASURES REDUCE
KOREAN TENSIONS, INCLUDING LARGER CONFERENCE TO
NEGOTIATE FUNDAMENTAL ARRANGEMENTS (WSJ). LARGER
FORUM MIGHT DRAW IN SOVIET, JAPAN (BERGER, WP).
CONSIDERED DOUBTFUL NK WOULD AGREE ATTEND IF SK
PRESENT (NYT, GWERTZMAN).
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SECSTATE STATED WOULD BE "FOOLHARDY" TERMINATE UNC
WITHOUT NEW ARRANGEMENTS TO PRESERVE "INTEGRITY
OF THE ARMISTICE" (CARTER, NYDN). SAID US WILLING
SEE UNC END JAN 1, AS STIPULATED IN PENDING UN
RESOLUTION, BUT US FORCES WILL REMAIN SK OVER NK
PROTESTS (TREWHITT, SUN).

PROSPECTS APPEAR SLIGHT FOR SERIOUS TALKS, IN
VIEW US, SK DEMANDS NK ALSO REDUCE FORCES, WHICH NK
UNWILLING DO (KIRK, CHITRIB). US DIPLOMATS STRESS
THAT US POLICY AIMS PREVENT DEVELOPMENT OF POLITICAL
OR POWER VACUUM IN KOREA THAT WOULD TEMPT NK INTO
"ADVENTUROUS MOVE" (ANABLE, CSM).

4. INDOCHINA

WSTAR'S KEMPSTER (9/22) QUOTES CIA ANALYST OGLE
THAT SKEPTICISM, PETTY BUREAUCRATIC RESTRICTIONS --
NOT DELIBERATE DISTORTION -- MUTED AGENCY'S WARNING
ABOUT 1968 TET OFFENSIVE. OGLE SAYS TRIED TELL HIS
VERSION OF STORY TO HOUSE INTELL COMMITTEE, BUT WAS
REBUFFED; DECIDED SPEAK AFTER SAM ADAMS TOLD
COMMITTEE CIA, MIL INTENTIONALLY UNDERESTIMATED VC
STRENGTH FOR DOMESTIC POL REASONS. ADDED NEVER
SHORTAGE OF INTELLIGENCE IN VN, BUT WERE TOO MANY
BITS AND PIECES (EXCERPTED IN NYT, CHPTTRIB).

LE DUAN IN PEKING IN EFFECT PUBLICLY TOLD PRC THAT
HANOI GOING MAINTAIN GOOD RELS WITH USSR DESPITE
CHINESE MISGIVINGS; MADE POINTED, POSITIVE REFERENCE
TO USSR AID AT BANQUET (GLOBE AND MAIL, NYT). REMARKS
FOLLOWED TENG HSIAO-PING SPEECH ATTACKING USSR AS
SUPERPOWER GUILTY OF "EVILS AND IGNOMINIES." LE DUAN
MADE CLEAR HANOI ALSO WANTS MAINTAIN GOOD RELS WITH
PRC, PRAISED CHINA FOR AID. COMMENTS STRONGLY
SUGGESTED HANOI WANTS NO PART OF BITTER PRC-USSR
QUARREL (GLOBE AND MAIL'S MUNRO, WP). VN DELEGAT VN
TALKS EXPECTED CENTER ON ECON AID, SINO-VN RELS (UPI,
GLOBE).

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PRG ISSUES NEW CURRENCY CALLED DONG, GIVES CITIZENS TIME OFF TO EXCHANGE MONEY. ALL EXCEPT EMERGENCY

TRAFFIC BARRED FROM STREETS SO PEOPLE CAN CONCENTRATE ON FILLING OUT SINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CURRENCY- EXCHANGE FORMS (WP). RATE IS 1 DONG FOR 500 PIasters; EACH FAMILY ALLOWED KEEP 200 DONGS CASH, REST IN NATL BANK DEPOSTS (GLOBE). STEP AIMS AT OVERCOMING INFLATION, PREVENTING "LACKEYS" FROM CONTINUING USE OLD BANKNOTES (REUTER, NYT).

PRG MEMBER IN CANADA SAYS SVN RUNNING SHORT FOOD, FACES SERIOUS UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM. ADDS US FAILED LIVE UP TO PLEDGE MADE AT PARIS PEACE TALKS TO PROVIDE COUNTRY FINANCIAL HELP (WP). OVER 1600 SMALL, MEDIUM INDUSTRIES RESUME SAIGON OPERATIONS, PROVIDING 67,200 JOBS (AP, WP).

5. INDOCHINA REFUGESS

CAL OFFICIALS CONCERNED OVER GROWING NUMBER REFUGEES ON WELFARE, SAY 9005 OUT OF 17,565 RESETTLED IN STATE RECEIVING SOME FORM PUBLIC AID. BELIEVE 75-PCT WILL BE ON WELFARE BY YEAR'S END UNLESS "FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES OCCUR." HAVE SUBMITTED PROPOSAL TO FEDL GOVT TO PROVIDE UP TO 60 DAYS JOB TRAINING FOR REFUGEES (BOWMAN, LAT 9/19).

6. THAILAND

RTG ACCEPTS USSR OFFER OF TECHNICAL HELP IN EXTENSIVE DEVELOPMENT SHALE OIL (AP, PHINQ). TEAM SOVIET EXPERTS GOING BANGKOK TO WORK WITH GOVT, WITH SOME THAIS TRAINED IN USSR. RTG WILL LIMIT NUMBER SOVIETS ADMITTED, BUT DOES NOT SAY HOW MANY (WSTAR 9/22). MOVE IS FIRST OFFER SOVIET TECHNICAL COOPERATION WITH RTG (AP, NYDN; CSM).

ABOUT 150 GUERRILLAS AMBUSH GOVT PATROL, KILL 4 POLICE; BIGGEST CLASH THIS YEAR IN SOUTHERN THAPLAND (CSM).

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7. TIMOR

UDT, APODETI FORCES THAT WANT INTEGRATION WITH INDONESIA CAPTURE 3 SMALL TOWNS FROM FRETILIN, ALSO ATTACK POSITPONS IN HIGHLANDS, AIM TO CONTROL DILI. UDT THREATENS KILL/CAPTURE PORT SOLDIERS IF LISBON DOES

NOT TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS SETTLE CRISIS (REUTER, SUN).

8. PHILIPPINES

WSTAR'S SCHAAP AT MANILA FOR ALI-FRAZIER FIGHT NOTES
ALI HAS DEVELOPED NEW TRAINING METHOD. GPVES EQUAL
TIME TO WORKING OUT, PRAISING MARCOS. SAYS FIGHT
SEEMS TO DOMINATE CITY, WITH POSTERS EVERYWHERE
PROCLAIMING, "THRILLA IN MANILA." ANDERSON (NYT)
WONDERS THAT 3 MILLION DOLS PUT UP BY GOP FOR FIGHT
EXCEEDS 2.7 MILLION USG PAID SPAIN FOR PSLANDS. FURLONG
(WP) STATES MARTIAL LAW QUIETS STRIDENT CLAMOR OF
BUILDUP FOR OCT 1 (SEPT 30 IN US) HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE
MATCH. POINTS OUT ALI, FRAZIER HAVE OFFICIAL PERMISSION
BE OUT DURING CURFEW, ONLY TIME THEY CAN WORK FREE OF
MOBS. REPORTS THAT ALI'S AIMING OF EMPTY GUN AT
FRAZIER, SNAPPING OFF SOME "SHOTS" CAUSED GREAT
CONSTERNATION IN OFFICIAL CIRCLES, SINCE HAVING,
DISPLAYING GUN IS MARTIAL LAW "NO-(,9." OFFICIAL
INQUIRIES, INVESTIGATIONS RESULTED. COMMENTS ALI WILL
CONFINE ASSAULTS TO MORE DEADLY WEAPON: HIS TONGUE.

9. NEW ZELAND

LOCAL TRADE, ECON COMMENTATORS PUZZLED BY LACK CONSEQUENCE
RECENT VISIT BY 70 TOP JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN, ECON
ADVISORS. HIGH-POWERED DELEGATION ATTENDED 2ND ANNUAL
NZ-JAPAN BUSINESSMEN'S CONFERENCE, LEFT AT MID-MONTH.
SOME PREDICTED INDICATIONS FUTURE JAPANESE TRADING
POLICY WOQLD FLOW FROM TALKS, BUT ONLY ENCOURAGEMENT
WAS THAT JAPAN WANTS MORE IRON SANDS. NZ CONCERNED
WITH JAPANESE BARRIERS AGAINST AGRIC PRODUCTS, POINTED
OUT HAS NOT ACTED AGAINST IMPORTS DESPITE REVERSAL
IN TERMS OF TRADE. COMMON RATIONALE FOR PRESENCE SO
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MANY HIGH-LEVEL JAPANESE VISITORS IS THAT THEY ARE
DOING HOMEWORK IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES BEFORE PRESENTING
CASE TO GOJ FOR ANTI-RECESSION TRADE STIMULATION
(MCLAUGHLAN, JOC).

SINGER-PIANIST RAY CHARLES REFUSED VISA ENTER NZ,
GROUNDS NOT SPECIFIED. CASE UNDER REVIEW (REUTER
WELLINGTON).

10. DIEGO GARCIA

AP (LONDON) 9/21 REPORTED "INFORMED SOURCES" THAT US
GAVE BRITAIN SECRET DISCOUNT BETWEEN 8.5-9.5 MILLION
DOLS ON PURCHASES MISSILES AND SPARE PARTS ON ITS
POLARIS FLEET TO COVER NEARLY ALL COSTS OF BUYING DG
FOR US NAVAL USE (WP, SUN, WSTAR).

IN LONDON, NYT'S SEMPLE (9/22) FINDS BRITISH AUTHORITIES COMING UNDER INCREASING PRESSURE TO EXPLAIN UK ROLE IN RESETTLEMENT OF MORE THAN 1,000 DG RESIDENTS TO MAKE WAY FOR US NAVAL BASE.

11. HONG KONG

POLICE SEIZED 22 PERSONS IN PRE-DAWN RAIDS SUNDAY, SUSPECTED OF 1.25 MILLION DOL ARMORED CAR ROBBERY AUG 5 (AP, NYDN 9/22).

WSJ (9/22) CITES CHASE-MANHATTAN BANK REPORT SHOWING HK EXPORTS "PICKING UP," PARTLY IN RESPONSE "BEGINNINGS OF ECONOMIC RECOVERY" IN US.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

12. KOREA

NYT AGREES HAK "RIGHTLY WARNED" THAT ANY SOLUTION KOREAN ISSUE MUST PRESERVE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT. STATES JOINT US-SK PROPOSAL FOR NEW CONFERENCE TO CONSIDER WAYS MAINTAIN ARMISTICE IS "SENSIBLE IDEA" THAT DESERVES "POSITIVE RESPONSE" FROM NK, AND ITS ALLIES.

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NYDN STATES HAK EFFORT TO PREVENT COMMUNISTS AND "SO-CALLED NON-ALLIED BUDDIES" FROM ENDING UN ROLE IN KOREA PROVIDES "SOUND ARGUMENT" FOR PRESERVING STATUS QUO. BUT WHETHER NK WPLL TAKE BAIT IS DEBATABLE. SUPPORTS HAK WARNING US WOULD NOT ACCEPT ANY RESOLUTION THAT JERKS UN RUG OUT FROM UNDER SK UNILATERALLY. DECLARES UN -- IF OF MIND TO END ONLY EFFECTIVE ACTION IT EVER TOOK TO THWART RED AGGRESSION -- SHOULD ONLY MOVE ON BASIS OF NEW ARRANGEMENTS WITH SOLID GUARANTEES FOR SK SECURITY.

13. CHINA

PHINQ AGREES WITH US MAYORS' GROUP, IN CALLING OFF PRC VISIT, THAT PEKING UNREASONABLE IN BARRING SAN JUAN MAYOR. WHILE SUCH EXCHANGES IN EACH OTHER'S MUTUAL BENEFIT, IF PRC WISHES "PLAY POLITICS WITH THEM, AMERICANS ARE NOT OBLIGED TO PLAY ALONG. TO EACH THEIR OWN PRINCIPLES. WE PREFER OURS AND CONGRATULATE THE MAYORS FOR STANDING UP FOR THEM."

TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL'S MUNRO, IN PEKING, CITES MAO'S "UNUSUAL ONE-HOUR MEETING SUNDAY" WITH EDWARD HEATH AS

ANOTHER MANIFESTATION OF PRC'S INCREASING INTEREST IN

EUROPE AND ITS SUPPORT FOR CONSERVATIVE EURO LEADERS KNOWN FOR THEIR WARINESS OF SOVIET OBJECTIVES THERE. MEETPNG UNEXPECTED BECAUSE CHAIRMAN NO LONGER MEETS AUTOMATICALLY EVEN WITH VISITING STATE HEADS, AND HEATH IS TECHNICALLY MERE OPPOSITION MEMBER PARLIAMENT. NOTES THAT AT SUBSEQUENT PEKING AIRPORT INTERVIEW HEATH MADE CLEAR MAO EMPHASIZED SOVIET THREAT TO WEST AND PRC; FRG'S STRAUSS HAD RECEIVED SIMILAR MESSAGE, POINTING UP THAT IN WAKE OF HELSINKI EURO SECURITY AGREEMENT, PEKING BECOMING MUCH MORE EXPLICIT IN URGING WEUROPE INCREASE VIGILANCE TOWARD SOVIET (CSM).

14. INDOCHINA

MINER (CSM) REVIEWS BOOK "FOUR DAYS OF MAYAGUEZ" BY ROY ROWAN OF "TIME," DESCRIBES IT AS MINUTE-BY-MINUTE UNCLASSIFIED

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ACCOUNT OF WELL-KNOWN INCIDENT. NOTES HOW WELL US PRESS COVERED AFFAIR, DESPITE OFFICIAL SECRECY, GREAT DISTANCES, POOR COMMUNICATIONS.

15. PAPUA NEW GUINEA

CHITRIB NOTES INDEPENDENCE, GIVES IT PRIZE FOR PECULIARITY AMONG STRANGE NEW NATIONS SINCE IT'S COLLECTION OF 1000 TRIBES WHO SPEAK 600 LANGUAGES, NOT LONG AGO SOME WERE HEAD-HUNTERS. BELIEVES NO ONE KNOWS IF PEOPLE EVEN WANT BE FREE. NOTES PUSH FOR FREEDOM CAME FROM GOA'S WHITLAM. COMMENTS MANY THINK WAS DONE TO RID AUSTRALIA OF STIGMA, BUT MORE LIKELY CANBERRA WANTED STOP FINANCIAL DRAIN. REVIEWS PNG'S PROBLEMS, WISHES PAPUANS LUCK. "THEY'LL NEED IT."

16. PHILIPPINES

FIL JOURNALIST SUYKO (SUN 9/22) DEFENDS MARTIAL LAW, SAYS MANILA SAFER, FREER, MORE PEACEFUL THAN SOME ASIAN CITIES. POINTS OUT LAWLESSNESS, VANDALISM, SHOOTOUTS, EXTORTION COMMON BEFORE MARTIAL LAW, SO TOURIST INDUSTRY NEVET GOT OFF GROUND; NOW VISITORS FLOCK IN, WITH 410,000 LAST YR. SAYS PEACEFUL ATMOSPHERE DRAWS BUSINESS CONVENTIONS, STABLE GOVT ENCOURAGES ARTS, FULTURE. ATTRIBUTES GOVT DECISION BACK ALI-FRAZIER FIGHT TO SAME OPTIMISM, DESIRE PUT MANILA ON INTL SPORTS MAP. ANALYZES TOURIST BOOM THAT EARNED 120 MILLION DOLS LAST YR. COMMENTS MANY FILIPINO OLDTIMERS ABROAD RETURN FOR VISIT PREPARED TO BE SHOCKED BY MARTIAL LAW; INSTEAD, PLEASANTLY SURPRISED BY ACHIEVEMENTS REGIME OF DISCIPLINE, ORDER.

17. TIMOR

CSM'S SOUTHERLAND IN HK BELIEVES JAKARTA HAS TAKEN
PLUNGE INTO ACTIVE SUPPORT PRO-INDONESIAN GROUPS, SINCE
HARD IMAGINE "COUNTER-OFFENSIVE" NOW UNDER WAY WITHOUT
SUCH SUPPORT IN FORM FOOD, ARMS, IF NOT MEN. UNTIL
RECENTLY, PRO-INDONESIAN GROUPS IN DISARRAY WITH LITTLE
HOPE RECOVERING TERRITORY FROM FRETELIN. NOTES JAKARTA
HAS MADE CLEAR WILL NOT TOLERATE FRETELIN RULE OF
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EX-COLONY, SINCE FEARS INDEPENDENT TIMOR MIGHT BECOME
BASE FOR PRO-COMMUNIST FORCES, ENCOURAGE SEPARATIST
MOVEMENTS. SAYS FRETELIN REPORTS CAPTURE INDONESIAN
WEAPONS, ATTACK BY UNIDENTIFIED TROOPS WITH SUPPORT
BY INDONESIAN COPTER, KILLING SOLDIER WEARING INDONESIAN
UNIFORM, CAPTURE OF SOLDIER WHO IDENTIFIEDS SELF AS
INDONESIAN ARMY CPL. POINTS OUT JAKARTA DENIES ITS TROOPS
INVOLVED, WHILE FRETELIN ACCUSES IT OF PROVOKING
GUERRILLA ACTIVITY INSIDE PORT TIMOR.

SOUTHERLAND OPINES INDONESIANS HAVE RUN OUT OF PATIENCE,
OPTED FOR INDIRECT INTERVENTION, IF NOT DIRECT INVASION
THAT MIGHT PROVOKE PROTRACTED RESISTANCE IN TIMOR, WOULD
NOT ENHANCE IMAGE AS PEACE-GOVING NATION. SAYS AUSSIE
GOVT CANNOT PUBLICLY CONDONE JAKARTA TAKE-OVER,
BUT HAS INDICATED WOULD NOT OPPOSE EVENTUAL INDONESIAN
CONTROL.

18. GENERAL

SUN'S TREWHITT (9/21) EXAMINES NEW BALANCE EMERGING IN
POST-VN ASIA. SAYS DEEPEST OF UNKNOWNNS IS FUTURE
DEVELOPMENT SINO-SOVIET RIVALRY, BUT FINDS SIGNS US

MUST REMAIN DECISIVE NAVAL POWER IN PACIFIC EVEN IF LEAVES
MAINLAND ENTIRELY. NOTES TOLERANCE OF US AS PACIFIC
POWER IS PARADOXICAL -- PRC COURTS FORD VISIT TO
STRENGTHEN RELATIONS WITH US OUT OF FEAR OF SOVIETS,
AND NVN COURTS US RECOGNITION OUT OF TRADITIONAL VIET
FEAR OF CHINA. STATES RELATIVE STABILITY IN NOPAC
"COMFORTING," IN FAIRNESS REQUIRES BOW TO NIXON'S
DETENTE POLICIES, POLITICAL OPENINGS TO PRC, SOVIET
IN 1972.

CROSBY NOYES (WSTAR 9/21) STATES ASIAN COUNTRIES ALL
DRAMATICALLY REVISING POLICIES IN WAKE OF INDOCHINA
DISASTER, BECAUSE PERCEIVE IT AS SELF-INFLICTED DEFEAT,
PROGRESSIVE LOSS OF WILL OF AMERICAN PEOPLE, LEADERSHIP.
THUS, ALL NOW SAYING SAME THING -- NO CHOICE EXCEPT MAKE
BEST DEAL CAN WITH THOSE IN POWER WHO HAVE WILL TO TAKE
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